[*Translation*]

Production of Handloom Clothes in Uttar Pradesh

1508. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of handloom clothes in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to boost the handloom industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any more handloom industries are proposed to be set up in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):(a) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported an estimated production of 485.67 million metres of handloom cloth during 1990-91.

(b) and (c). Government of India is implementing a number of Schemes of standing nature for the development of handloom sector. During the Eight Plan period these schemes will be redesigned to suit the need of the area and the weavers providing for greater flexibility and decentralisation and to generate high employment in the handloom sector. During 1991-92 new scheme called "Margin money for Destitute Weavers" has been introduced.

(d) and (e). Handloom weaving is by and large a decentralised activity. Government of India, through their schemes, encourages the individual weavers to form cooperatives or enrol themselves as members with the State Handloom Corporations. Assistances under various schemes are provided on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments.

[*English*]

Bench of Gujarat High Court in Saurashtra

1509. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a general demand for setting up a bench of Gujarat High Court in Saurashtra and other regions of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal to the Union Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which the bench is likely to be set up in Saurashtra region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Import of Cast Iron Scrap under OGL

1510. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: